THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

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WRIT PETITION NO : 24727 of 2005

DATED: 21.11.2005

Between:

G.S.Kantha Rao S/o. Chinna Brahmaiah
R/o. 114, HIG, Madhava Nagar BHEL,

R.C.Puram, Hyderabad.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The State of A.P,
Rep.by the Chief Registrar (Births and Deaths),
Department of Medical and Health (Vital Statistics),

Hyderabad.

....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

The petitioner had a daughter, by name, G.Madhavi Naidu. She is said to have been born on 26.05.1977. To that effect, the second respondent herein issued a date of birth certificate. It is urged that by the time the birth certificate was issued, the child was not named and later on it became necessary for obtaining a certificate, which contains the name of the child. For this purpose, the petitioner filed a representation, dated 16.11.2005 to the second respondent for issuance of a birth certificate to his

daughter, duly entering her name in it. The second respondent replied through letter, dated 16.11.2005 stating that such a course is not permissible under Section 14 of the Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969. The petitioner assails the same.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there is nothing in the Act which precludes or prohibits the registering authority to enter the name of the person in the birth certificate even at a subsequent stage. He places reliance upon the Judgment of Gujarat High Court reported in ***DIPIKA ARVINDKUR PANCHOLI vs. STATE OF GUJARAT.***

The learned Government Pleader for Medical and Health, on the other hand, submits that the petitioner had not established the identity of the person and in the absence of the same, the second respondent cannot be compelled to enter the name in the birth certificate.

The Act provides for issuance of birth certificate. The certificate in Form No.V provides for entering the name of the person whose date of birth is certified. It is a common practice, particularly, in Indian families that the children are named after performing a ceremony. If the birth certificate is issued before such ceremony, there does not exist an occasion for entering the name. From the Acts and the Rules made there under, it is clear that there is no prohibition for entering the name of the person may be after due verification. The Gujarat High Court took the view that it is permissible under the Act and Rules to enter the name of a person even after fifteen years, if the identity of the person is not in dispute.

Petitioner contends that his son-in-law is residing in foreign country and it has become necessary to enter his daughter's name in the birth certificate.

Having regard to the provisions of the Act and the Judgment of the Gujarat High Court, this Court finds that the second respondent ought to have considered the application of the petitioner and entered the name of his daughter in the certificate, after satisfying as to the identity.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of directing the second respondent to consider the application of the petitioner and enter the name of his daughter in the birth certificate, after satisfying himself that the certificate relates to the person whose name is sought to be entered. For this purpose, it shall be open to the second respondent to receive any further or additional information or material. This action shall be completed within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. To avoid further delay and complications, the petitioner shall make a fresh application.

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21.11.2005

Note: Furnish C.C. in three days.

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